12 August 1969

MORNING MEETING ACTION ITEM

TO: DD/P

Legislative Counsel

SAVA

The Director questioned the DD/P on what coordination process was involved in the Chuyen/Green Beret affair. The DD/P and Carver offered explanations. The Director made it clear that he understands the situation but noted that such details of our noninvolvement may not be helpful in the last analysis. The Director asked the DD/P to prepare a brief memorandum on the situation, to cable its contents to Dr. Kissinger, and to provide copies to Goodwin and Maury. Carver noted that he and Houston will be seeing General Wheeler and DOD Deputy General Counsel Niederlehner today at 5 p.m. agreed with the DD/P's view that selected

Chiefs of Station be provided a backgrounder in the event they are questioned. The DD/P raised what response State should make in the event they are questioned regarding allegations of our involvement, and the Director concurred in State's position that the inquiries be referred to Defense. The Director asked that Maury brief Ed Braswell again, determine whether Senator Russell wishes a briefing, brief Congressman Rivers and Senators Thurmond and Mansfield, and determine what additional South Carolina congressmen it would be useful to see.

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